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Title: Need to include Kerala in the Express Highway between North and South.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Express Roads declared by hon. Prime Minister from North to South and South to North is a welcome step. From Kanyakumari to Kashmir this road should naturally pass through Kerala and all South Indian States. But it is learnt that Kerala is not included in this route. A consoling statement that a road from Cochin to Salem to this express highway will be constructed will not take away the grievance of Kerala. The other free highways declared also exclude Kerala. The Government of India should take steps to route the express highways through Kerala. I also suggest that the technology of using rubberise bitumen pavement may be used in the express highways.